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BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preventing a fiscal crisis in America, focusing on a balanced budget amendment

to the Constitution, including S.J. Res. 2, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that the Federal budget be balanced, and S.J. Res. 6, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to balancing the budget, after receiving testimony from Senators Hatch and Durbin; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Stephen Moore, FreedomWorks, Alan B. Morrison, George Washington University Law School, and Ilya Shapiro, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 4749–4770; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 646–648, were introduced. **Pages H1418–19**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1420**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4360, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that a Federal employee who leaves Government service while under personnel investigation shall have a notation of any adverse findings under such investigation placed in such employee's official personnel file, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–454);

H.R. 3583, to reform and improve the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Office of Emergency Communications, and the Office of Health Affairs of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–455, Part 1);

H.R. 4404, to require an exercise related to terrorist and foreign fighter travel, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–456);

H. Res. 639, authorizing the Speaker to appear as amicus curiae on behalf of the House of Representatives in the matter of United States, et al. v. Texas, et al., No. 15–674 (H. Rept. 114–457); and

H. Res. 649, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 639) authorizing the Speaker to appear as amicus curiae on behalf of the House of Representatives in the matter of United States, et al. v. Texas, et al., No. 15–674 (H. Rept. 114–458).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bost to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1391**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:31 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1394**

Small Business Broadband Deployment Act: The House passed H.R. 4596, to ensure that small business providers of broadband Internet access service can devote resources to broadband deployment rather than compliance with cumbersome regulatory requirements, by a yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 124. **Pages H1396–1402**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H1396**

Withdrawn:

Veasey amendment (Printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–453) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required the FCC to also answer whether a permanent exemption would increase access to services offered by small internet service providers. **Pages H1400–01**

H. Res. 640, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4596) and (H.R. 3797) was agreed to yesterday, March 15th.

Recess: The House recessed at 12:54 p.m. and reconvened at 1:02 p.m. **Page H1401**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, March 14th:

Extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project: H.R. 4416, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 125; and

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Extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project: H.R. 4434, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 126.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 17.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:38 p.m. and reconvened at 5:33 p.m.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that he had issued an Executive Order that expands the scope of previous Executive Orders and facilitates implementation of certain provisions of the North Korea Sanctions and Policy Enhancement Act of 2016—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–117).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H1396, H1416.

Senate Referral: S. 337 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1401–02, H1402, and H1402–03. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the National Park Service. Testimony was heard from Jon Jarvis, Director, National Park Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Department of Agriculture, Research, Education, and Economics. Testimony was heard from Catherine E. Woteki, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics; Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; Sonny Ramaswamy, Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture; Mary Bohman, Administrator, Economic Research Service; Joseph Reilly, Adminis-

trator, National Agricultural Statistics Service; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a budget hearing on the Department of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Jack Lew, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a budget hearing on the National Institutes of Health. Testimony was heard from Francis S. Collins, Director, National Institutes of Health.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the National Science Foundation. Testimony was heard from France A. Cordova, Director, National Science Foundation.

APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN AFFAIRS; BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION SCHOOLS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Indian Affairs; and an oversight hearing on Bureau of Indian Education Schools. Testimony was heard from Lawrence “Larry” Roberts, Acting Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Charles “Monty” Roessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education; and Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and Melissa Emrey-Arras, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a budget hearing on U.S. Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Gayle Smith, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.